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[Despatch Abstract.]

Labour Department - Education - Labour Schools Supply of Midday Meals - Extension of Scheme to Saturdays and other

Development Department.

Draft NOTE FOR THE STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Sub: Labour Department - Labour Schools - Supply of Midday meals - Extension of the schemes to Saturdays and other half holidays.

Major head of account.	Minor, Sub-and detailed head of account.	ULTIMATE COST		COST IN THE YEAR OF INTRODUCTION.	
		Recurring.	NOn-recurring.	Recurring.	Non-Recurring.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
		Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
47. Misc. Depts.	a. Labour -D.Communities eligible for help by the Labour Dept. Edn.-3. Allowances and Contingencies.	21550	-	21,550	-

At present mid-day meals are being supplied to all childrer of eligible communities studying in Labour Schools. According to the instructions in force, meals are not to be supplied to pupils of the Labour Schools on Saturdays and other half-holidays. The Commissioner of Labour reported that some of the schools in East Godavari were working during the summer months from 8 a.m. to 12-15 p.m. with a recess of 15 minutes on all days except Sundays and enquired whether , in such schools, midday meals should be supplied to the pupils on Saturdays also, as there was no difference between the working hours on Saturdays and other working days. According to the instructions issued by the Education and Public Health Department in June '46 regarding the supply of midday meals to school children in compulsory areas, such meals were supplied on all working days including Saturdays and other half-holidays . On this analogy, this Department suggested that midday meals might be supplied in all Labour Schools also, on all Saturdays and other half-holidays. The additional recurring expenditure involved in the proposal was estimated at about Rs.2. lakhs per annum. The finance Department however advised against the acceptance of this proposal. They stated that the proposal did not satisfy the criteria laid down either for schemes for introduction in the year 1946-47 or for schemes to be treated as Part II Schemes for 1947 -48. They also pointed out that the Development Board recommended the termination of the scheme for the supply of midday meals to school children in compulsory areas and that there was no case for any further extension of the scheme of supply of midday meals to Labour school children, on the analogy of the orders extending the supply of midday meals on Saturdays and other half-holidays to the school children in compulsory areas, and suggested that Education and Public HealthDepartment might consider the question of cancelling the orders mentioned. The Government have since abolished the scheme for the supply of midday meals in compulsory areas. The case was submitted to the then Hon. Minister (P.I.) Hon. Minister (Education) and Hon. Prime Minister for orders whether the supply of midday meals to Labour School pupils should be extended to Saturdays and other half-holidays. In case it was decided that midday meals need not be supplied to Labour School pupils on Saturdays and other half-holidays, orders were solicited whether at least in the case of the labour schools in East Godavari District referred to above, supply of midday meals might be sanctioned on all the working days during the summer months when the schools worked daily from 8 a.m. to 12-15 p.m. The

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The Hon'ble Ministers have recorded the following minutes.

" Supply of midday meals to the labour Schools pupils in all districts may be extended to Saturdays and other half-holidays

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31-10-1946.
H.M (P.I)

T:S.A.
22-11-1946.
Hon.Minister (Edn.)

V.V.G
24-2-1947.
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The case was then placed before the Standing Finance Committee for orders on

(1) whether the supply of midday meals in Labour Schools be extended to Saturdys and other half-holidays; and

(2) If not, whether at least in the cases of schools which work daily in the mornings on all week days (including Saturdays as in the case of the Schools for the East Godavari during summer months, the supply of meals might be allowed on all working days.

The Standing Finance Committee then considered that the proposal in item (1) above should be negatived, but that item (2) should be considered further. They wished to know what the cost of this item was. The information was called for from the Commissior of Labour it is seen that not only in the District of East Godavari but also in three other distyicts viz. West Godavari, Kistna and Nellore, the Labour Schools are working in the mornings only during the summer months (there being no differnce in the working hours between Saturdays and other week days during this period) The extra cost involved in extending the supply of midday meals to Saturdays in the 110 Schools in East Godavari, during the summer months is Rs.6,360 /- . In respect of the schools in West Godavari District no additional cost will have to be incurred by the Government on the present proposal, as it is reported that even now, midday meals are being supplied in these schools during summer months even on Saturdays. In Kistna Dt. itis reported, that during th summer months in which the schools work during the mornings only, midday meals are not supplied on any of the working days. If the proposal to extend supply of meals to Saturdays during summer months, is sanctioned supply of meals in this district will have to be sanctioned for all the working days including Saturdays and the extra cost would amount to Rs.12,700/-. The cost involved in extending the supply of midday meals to Saturdays during the summer months to the labour schools in Nellore District is Rs.2,500/-. Thus the total extra cost in extending the supply of midday meals to Saturdays during the summer months in the labour schools which are made to work in the mornings only during this period is Rs. 21,550/-

In view of the increased cost the Finance Department advised against the proposal. That department has however agreed a fresh note being placed before the Standing Finance Committee.

The case may now be submitted before the Standing Finance Committee for orders as to whether the surply of midday meals will be extended to Saturdays during the summer months in respect of the labour Schools in the Districts of East Godavari, Kistna and Nellore, the extra expenditure involved being Rs.21,550/- p.a.

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(a) Budget provision under the major head of Account "47. Misc. Departments." — Rs.1,07,17,000

(b) Actual expenditure under the Major head April 1948 on the current year to the end of the year*

* Not known. The A.G has not yet furhished actuals in respect of 1948-9.

(c) Estimate of expenditure on the scheme in the current year; — Rs. 21,560

(d) Savings in the budget provision for other items included in the majore head..... — Notknown.

(e) Total commitment in the year under the majore head on account of new schemes (not provided for in the budget) sanctioned since the beginning of the financial year uptothe end of the month of April 1948.

(f) Total commitment in the year under all major heads on account of new schemes (not provided for in the budget) Sanctioned since the beginning of the financial year upto the end of the month of April 1948.

To

All Hon'ble Ministers.
The Finance Department

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13-5-1948.

Please see the note to Standing Finance Committee on page 9-10 above, and decision of the Commissioner page 11 above. The further note to the Standing Finance Committee on page 37-40 c.f. and the decision on page 14 above may be perused. The proposals of the Commissioner of Labour viz. (1) extension of the scheme of the supply of midday meals to Labour Schools on Saturdays and half holidays and (2) supply of midday meals to Labour Schools on Saturdays during summer, have been negatived. The Commissioner of Labour may be informed of the decision. A draft Memo. to the Commissioner is submitted for consideration.

After issue the papers may be recorded for future reference.

G.O.No.724 M.S. dated 26-10-1948.

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26-10-48.

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